CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing selection, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

No fee beyond the extension of time fee is believed due in connection with this response. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, he is authorized to charge any required fee or credit any overpayment to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 8907-087-999).

Respectfully submitted,

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